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SUBJECT: ELECTION FOR SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
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1. DURING A DISCUSSION WITH LABATT ON MAY 22, JOSE MOLLEGAS, PRESIDENT OF THE VENEZUELAN METAL WORKERS FEDERATION (FETRAMETAL), RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE RECENT VISIT TO VENEZUELA BY BEN SHARMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS. MOLLEGAS TOLD SHARMAN THAT FETRAMETAL AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATIONS HAD ALREADY ADOPTED A POSITION IN REGARD TO THE INTERNATIONAL METAL WORKERS FEDERATION ELECTION AND WOULD SUPPORT DANIEL BENEDICT.

2. MOLLEGAS FEARS PRESENT ANTAGONISMS BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF THE TWO US CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY GENERAL COULD WELL CAUSE A SPLIT IN THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION, SOMETHING HE WISHES TO AVOID AT ALL COSTS. HE BELIEVES A DESIRABLE SOLUTION WOULD BE TO FIND A NEW CANDIDATE, POSSIBLY A SCANDANAVIAN, WHO WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL FACTIONS.
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